

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for influencing market decisions of people in the  
2 market, the method comprising the steps of:

3 - creating an universe of N attributes  $V_i = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_N]$ ,  
4 characteristics or values to be shown or exposed to a person j, and

5 - showing said attributes  $v_i$  to said person  $j$  and calculating at least  
6 one of importance, weight and/or sensibility each of said attributes  $v_i$  has on said  
7 person  $j$  for predicting future market decisions of said person  $j$ , and expressing  
8 the corresponding results of said calculation as  $W_{ij} = [w_{1j}, w_{2j}, \dots, w_{n_j}]$ ,

9 wherein the method further comprises at least the steps of :

10                   - creating a database  $A = [a_{ij}]$  including, for every person, said  
 • 11   universe of attributes  $V_i$  ordered by their calculated weight  $W_{ij}$ , and

12                                - creating a database  $P = [p_{ij}]$  including, for every person, said  
13    universe of attributes  $V_i$  ordered by a corresponding objective interest level  $Z_i =$   
14     $[z_1, z_2, \dots, z_N]$ .

1            2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

consulting said database A and selecting from it those attributes  $v_i$  whose importance, weight and/or sensibility  $w_{ij}$ , for said person  $j$ , are higher than a specific value, and showing only those selected attributes to said person  $j$ .

1                    3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

consulting both said databases A and P and selecting from them those attributes  $v_i$  whose importance, weight and/or sensibility  $w_{ij}$ , for said person j, are higher than a specific value, and whose objective interest level  $z_i$  are higher than another specific value, and showing only those selected attributes whose objective interest level  $z_i$  are higher than said another specific value to said person j.

1                   4. The method of claim 2, wherein said steps of consulting said  
2 database A, selecting said attributes and showing said selected attributes  $v_i$ , are  
3 done for a group of people instead of only one person j.

1                   5. The method of claim 3, wherein said steps of consulting said  
2 databases A and P, selecting said attributes and showing said selected attributes  
3  $v_i$ , are done for a group of people instead of only one person j.

1                   6. The method of claim 1, wherein said databases A and P include  
2 said attributes  $v_i$  and their corresponding weight  $w_{ij}$ , related to every person, by  
3 using tuples, wherein  $[a_{ij}] = \langle v_i, w_{ij} \rangle$  of tuples <attribute, weight> and  $[p_{ij}] =$   
4  $\langle v_i, z_i \rangle$  of tuples <attribute, interest>.

1                   7. The method of claim 2, wherein said consulting of said database  
2 A is done automatically.

1                   8. The method of claim 3, wherein said consulting of said databases  
2 A and P is done automatically.

1                   9. The method of claim 2, wherein at least one of said attributes  $v_i$   
2 includes at least two others of said attributes  $v_i$ .

1                   10. The method of claim 3, wherein at least one of said attributes  $v_i$   
2 includes at least two others of said attributes  $v_i$ .

1                   11. The method of claim 1, wherein said attributes  $v_i$  refer to  
2 different articles.

1                   12. The method of claim 1, wherein said attributes  $v_i$  are different  
2 characteristics of an article.

1                   13. The method of claim 10, wherein said weight  $w_{ij}$  of said  
2 attributes  $v_i$  is a number which reflects at least one of (i) the quantity of a specific  
3 article and (ii) articles with a specific characteristic, likely to be acquired.

1                   14. The method of claim 11, wherein said weight  $w_{ij}$  of said  
2 attributes  $v_i$  is a number which reflects at least one of (i) the quantity of a specific  
3 article and (ii) articles with a specific characteristic, likely to be acquired.